

**Amended Amendment 7 to  
Council Bill No.58-2009 (as amended)**

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**and at the request of the County Executive**

**Amended Amendment No. 7**

*(This amendment clarifies language relating to Symphony Woods, the Central Library,  
and cultural districts.)*

1 In the attachment, on page 6, strike “MERRIWEATHER”, and substitute  
2 “MERRIWEATHER-SYMPHONY WOODS”

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4 In the attachment, on page 6, strike the first and second full paragraph and insert:

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6 “Merriweather-Symphony Woods will be a new kind of cultural park where the  
7 landscape becomes a setting for arts, cultural and civic uses. It will be anchored  
8 by an enhanced Merriweather Post Pavilion and Symphony Woods Park. These  
9 uses may have compatible commercial uses such as a café in the park or  
10 museum shop. A new system of paths and infrastructure will support festivals  
11 and other events in the park. Natural areas will be improved by removing  
12 invasive species, restoring stream corridors with native vegetation and the  
13 planting of up to 15,000 new trees in accordance with the Columbia Town  
14 Center Merriweather & Crescent Environmental Enhancement Study.  
15 Merriweather-Symphony Woods will be connected to the heart of Symphony  
16 Overlook along a new north/south axis from Market Square at The Mall.  
17 Pedestrians will cross Little Patuxent Parkway at a new entrance to Symphony  
18 Wood Woods Park. This intersection, designed to allow for safe crossing of the  
19 Parkway, will lead to a new Fountain Plaza which connects to Merriweather  
20 Post Pavilion. The access through Merriweather-Symphony Woods that  
21 ~~connect to~~ connects the civic and cultural uses will be compatible with the  
22 topography. ”

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24 In the attachment, on page 13, strike the first full paragraph under “HOWARD COUNTY  
25 LIBRARY” and insert:

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27 “The Howard County Library is one of the best library systems in the country.  
28 While its success as a public institution is irrefutable, it has the exciting  
29 opportunity, given the right tools, to grow further into a leader of library  
30 innovation. This Plan recommends that a new Central Library be built downtown.

1        This new library complex could move the Howard County Library into in the  
2        direction of an “Experience Library,” an intellectual, interactive learning center  
3        combining visual exhibitions with interesting architecture and typical library  
4        elements. The potential for a land swap could be explored as a means of  
5        facilitating construction of a new library complex and redevelopment of the  
6        existing library site.”

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8        On page 2, immediately following line 4, insert: “In the attachment, on page 13, under  
9        the heading, “HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY”, strike the second paragraph in its  
10       entirety.”.

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12       In the attachment, on page 31, strike the third and fourth full paragraphs and insert:

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14       “With respect to Downtown Parkland, ~~the recorded open space within the~~  
15       ~~Merriweather Neighborhood known as Symphony Woods,~~ implementing  
16       legislation should require that new parkland be provided to replace any ~~recorded~~  
17       ~~open space~~ parkland lost to development. Improvements such as playgrounds,  
18       walks, gardens, and fountains and minimal structures such as gazebos, pavilions,  
19       cafes, outdoor stages and kiosks will not require replacement space to be  
20       provided.

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22       This Plan intends that open space shown on a Final Development Plan recorded  
23       under the existing NT District continues to count toward the overall Columbia  
24       open space requirements, thus the obligation to retain its character. This Plan also  
25       intends that environmentally sensitive areas located within the Crescent  
26       Neighborhood be protected and recorded as open space under the existing NT  
27       Regulations.”

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29       In the attachment, on page 35, strike the fourth ~~and fifth~~ full ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs and  
30       insert:

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32       “As discussed above, this Plan recommends the creation of a cultural district in  
33       the Merriweather-Symphony Woods Neighborhood. Creation of a cultural district  
34       including pedestrian and ~~multi-modal~~ multi-modal linkages to the Lakefront and  
35       Symphony Overlook neighborhoods would complement the renovation of  
36       Merriweather Post Pavilion, activate and enhance Symphony Woods and create a  
37       destination by bundling different opportunities for residents and visitors.  
38       However, the Merriweather-Symphony Woods Neighborhood is not the only  
39       potential location for additional cultural amenities Downtown. This Plan  
40       recognizes that selective development of arts, cultural and community uses might  
41       also occur at other locations, including near or at the Lakefront Core. The addition  
42       of cultural uses or amenities near the Lake could increase activity and use of the  
43       Lakefront open space that already exists and could (with the Lake) form an  
44       anchor for the Lakefront Connection depicted on the Primary Amenity Space

1        Framework Diagram (Exhibit G). Such development would also conform with  
2        and would further the objectives of this Plan.”